

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY DEBORAH R. GILG DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

FORMER LINCOLN RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPEHTAMINE

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that on September 7, 2011, a former Lincoln resident was sentenced to 10 years in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between January of 2009, and May 25, 2010. Joseph Inthavong, 28, will serve five years on supervised release following the prison term. He was also ordered to forfeit \$920 in cash.

Information provided to law enforcement indicated that Inthavong was responsible for the distribution of at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) but less than 1.5 kilograms (approximately three pounds) of methamphetamine. On October 12, 2009, Inthavong was contacted by Lincoln Police officers and was found to be in possession of approximately 1/8 ounce of methamphetamine and \$920 in cash. A cell phone containing text messages which appeared to be related to drug dealing was also seized.

The matter was investigated by the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force, which includes the Lincoln Police Department Narcotics Unit; Lancaster County Sheriff's Department; UNL Police Department; Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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